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PRELIMINARY MENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The Preliminary Amendment responds to the Office Action dated February 15, 2008 for which a shortened statutory period of three months ending May 15, 2008 was set in which to respond, and for which pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), a two-month extension of time, ending July 15, 2008, is hereby requested, the following amendments and comments are submitted and reconsideration of the claim rejections is respectfully requested.

Please charge the required fee of four hundred sixty dollars (\$460.00) for extending the time for a response within the second month after the original response date, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) and fee for the Request for Continued Examination to the credit card indicated on the attached Credit Card Charge Authorization.

Applicants submit that in view of the attached Certificate of Mailing this response is timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this response. Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this response. Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.